

CLAIMS

1. A user interface, comprising:
a selectable control configured to initiate that multiple applications start together at approximately a same time; and
selectable configurations each configured for a user selection to designate a multiple application start-up configuration.
2. A user interface as recited in claim 1, wherein the selectable control is user-configurable to designate a multiple application start-up configuration.
3. A user interface as recited in claim 1, wherein the multiple applications are a group of applications executing when a previous computing session was discontinued, and wherein the selectable control is further configured to initiate that the group of previously executing applications start together.
4. A user interface as recited in claim 1, wherein the multiple applications are a group of applications often selected for use by the user, and wherein the selectable control is further configured to initiate that the group of often selected applications start together.

5. A user interface as recited in claim 1, wherein the multiple applications are a group of applications recently selected for use by the user, and wherein the selectable control is further configured to initiate that the group of recently selected applications start together.

6. A user interface as recited in claim 1, wherein the multiple applications are a group of applications previously executing for at least a minimum duration, and wherein the selectable control is further configured to initiate that the group of applications executing for at least the minimum duration start together.

7. A user interface as recited in claim 1, wherein the selectable configurations include at least one of (i) a configuration to designate a group of applications executing when a previous computing session was discontinued, (ii) a configuration to designate a group of applications often selected for use, (iii) a configuration to designate a group of applications recently selected for use, and (iv) a configuration to designate a group of applications previously executing for at least a minimum duration.

8. A user interface selectable control configured for user selection to start multiple application programs together at approximately a same time.

9. A user interface selectable control as recited in claim 8, wherein the user interface selectable control is user-configurable to designate a multiple application program start-up configuration.

10. A user interface selectable control as recited in claim 8, wherein the multiple application programs are a user-defined group of application programs, and wherein the user interface selectable control is further configured to start the user-defined group of applications together.

11. A user interface selectable control as recited in claim 8, wherein the multiple application programs are a group of application programs executing when a previous computing session was discontinued, and wherein the user interface selectable control is further configured to initiate that the group of previously executing application programs start together.

12. A user interface selectable control as recited in claim 8, wherein the multiple application programs are a group of application programs often selected for use by the user, and wherein the user interface selectable control is further configured to initiate that the group of often selected application programs start together.

13. A user interface selectable control as recited in claim 8, wherein the multiple application programs are a group of application programs recently selected for use by the user, and wherein the user interface selectable control is further configured to initiate that the group of recently selected application programs start together.

14. A user interface selectable control as recited in claim 8, wherein the multiple application programs are a group of application programs previously executing for at least a minimum duration, and wherein the user interface selectable control is further configured to initiate that the group of application programs executing for at least the minimum duration start together.

15. A user interface selectable control as recited in claim 8, wherein the user interface selectable control is user-configurable to designate a multiple application program start-up configuration that includes at least one of (i) a configuration to designate a group of application programs executing when a previous computing session was discontinued, (ii) a configuration to designate a group of application programs often selected for use, (iii) a configuration to designate a group of application programs recently selected for use, and (iv) a configuration to designate a group of application programs previously executing for at least a minimum duration.

16. A method, comprising:
receiving a user selection corresponding to a user interface selectable control which initiates multiple applications together at approximately a same time; and
starting the multiple applications in response to receiving the user selection.

17. A method as recited in claim 16, further comprising receiving a user selection to designate a multiple application start-up configuration.

18. A method as recited in claim 16, further comprising receiving a user selection to configure the user interface selectable control which is user-configurable to designate a multiple application program start-up configuration.

19. A method as recited in claim 16, wherein receiving the user selection initiates a user-defined group of applications, and wherein starting the multiple applications includes starting the user-defined group of applications together at approximately the same time.

20. A method as recited in claim 16, wherein receiving the user selection initiates a group of applications executing when a previous computing session was discontinued, and wherein starting the multiple applications includes starting the group of previously executing applications together at approximately the same time.

21. A method as recited in claim 16, wherein receiving the user selection initiates a group of applications often selected for use by the user, and wherein starting the multiple applications includes starting the group of often selected applications together at approximately the same time.

22. A method as recited in claim 16, wherein receiving the user selection initiates a group of applications recently selected for use by the user, and wherein starting the multiple applications includes starting the group of recently selected applications together at approximately the same time.

23. A method as recited in claim 16, wherein receiving the user selection initiates a group of applications previously executing for at least a minimum duration, and wherein starting the multiple applications includes starting the group of applications executing for at least the minimum duration together at approximately the same time.

24. A method as recited in claim 16, further comprising receiving a user selection to designate a multiple application start-up configuration that includes at least one of (i) a configuration to designate a group of applications executing when a previous computing session was discontinued, (ii) a configuration to designate a group of applications often selected for use, (iii) a configuration to designate a group of applications recently selected for use, and (iv) a configuration to designate a group of applications previously executing for at least a minimum duration.

25. One or more computer readable media comprising computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct a computing system to:

process a user selection corresponding to a user interface selectable control which initiates multiple applications together at approximately a same time; and
start the multiple applications in response to receiving the user selection.

26. One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 25, further comprising computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct the computing system to process a user selection to designate a multiple application start-up configuration.

27. One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 25, further comprising computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct the computing system to process a user selection to configure the user interface selectable control which is user-configurable to designate a multiple application program start-up configuration.

28. One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 25, further comprising computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct the computing system to process the user selection to initiate a user-defined group of applications, and start the user-defined group of applications together at approximately the same time.

29. One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 25, further comprising computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct the computing system to process the user selection to initiate a group of applications executing when a previous computing session was discontinued, and starting the group of previously executing applications together at approximately the same time.

30. One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 25, further comprising computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct the computing system to process the user selection to initiate a group of applications often selected for use by the user, and start the group of often selected applications together at approximately the same time.

31. One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 25, further comprising computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct the computing system to process the user selection to initiate a group of applications recently selected for use by the user, and start the group of recently selected applications together at approximately the same time.

32. One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 25, further comprising computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct the computing system to process the user selection to initiate a group of applications previously executing for at least a minimum duration, and start the group of applications executing for at least the minimum duration together at approximately the same time.

33. One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 25, further comprising computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct the computing system to process a user selection to designate a multiple application start-up configuration that includes at least one of (i) a configuration to designate a group of applications executing when a previous computing session was discontinued, (ii) a configuration to designate a group of applications often selected for use, (iii) a configuration to designate a group of applications recently selected for use, and (iv) a configuration to designate a group of applications previously executing for at least a minimum duration.

34. A method, comprising:

receiving multiple user selections each configured to initiate an application program;

receiving a user input to initiate starting the selected application programs together at approximately a same time; and

starting the selected application programs in response to receiving the user input.

35. A method as recited in claim 34, further comprising delaying the start of the selected application programs until receiving the user input to initiate starting the selected application programs.

36. A method as recited in claim 34, wherein receiving the user input to initiate starting the selected application programs includes receiving a user selection that does not correspond to a user-selectable control.

37. One or more computer readable media comprising computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct a computing system to:

receive multiple user selections each configured to initiate an application program;

process a user input to initiate starting the selected application programs together at approximately a same time; and

start the selected application programs in response to receiving the user input.

38. One or more computer readable media as recited in claim 37, further comprising computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct the computing system to delay the start of the selected application programs until receiving the user input to initiate starting the selected application programs.